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1. Colonel Hasnik Menlikian, inspector of the Soviet Army, arrived at Yerevan from Moscow during the last week of Oct 1953. He was inspecting military depots in the Yerevan military district. He is supposed to have been especially concerned with thefts from the depots containing ammunition and other strategic materiel at Karpi/Sic/. This officer apparently has a special reputation. At any rate, source describes him as "the famous colonel."
2. Col. Menlikian was more fortunate than other inspectors. On 27 Oct 53, a special service four-motored plane from Moscow crashed into Mt. Dykh-Tau at a height of about 5,000 meters, west of Orhomkitze/Sic/. Six persons, one of them a woman, were burnt to a crisp. They are known to have been high inspectors and other officials of Soviet Russia.

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